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1. Magdeburg (Y-60): The town was very thinly garrisoned in mid-August. The troops normally stationed here were in summer camp on the Letzlinger Heide, with 3rd Army Headquarters in the former Jagdschloss. They were expected to return to Magdeburg in late August or September.
2. Naumburg (J-89): The 57th Guards Division was reported to be returning to Naumburg at the end of August.
3. Erfurt (J-36): In the area west of Erfurt there were strong concentrations of troops in August 1947, particularly around Ohrdruf. In the villages of Crawinkel, Luisenthal, and Wolfis there were two mechanized divisions, the troops of which were well-disciplined, young, and without decorations.
4. Tambachswald (J-04): There were massed encampments of tank troops in the Tambachswald stretching from Tambachshof through Espenfeld as far as Plaue in August 1947. There were also encampments in Harth and Hainbergswald. The total of tanks there was estimated at 500 medium and 300 heavy tanks with 120 armored cars. The armored cars are four-wheeled, lightly armored, with turrets mounting an MG and a 50mm gun.
5. Ohrdruf (J-15): On the Hainberg, north of Ohrdruf, eighty AT guns were observed. These were mounted on two wheels with a barrel length of three meters and an approximate caliber of 122mm. The gun looked similar to the type mounted in the Josef Stalin 3.
6. Berka (H-87): There was a new training area established on an abandoned airfield at Berka in August 1947. Fifteen T-34's equipped with flame throwers, previously traced to Langensalza in July, were observed there.
7. Located in the Grossenbehringen - Berka - Lauterbach area in August 1947 were two tank divisions, the headquarters of which were established in the Seberhof, three kilometers SE of Berka.
8. Grossenlupnitz (H-75): In the area around Grossenlupnitz in August 1947 were two rifle divisions which were composed of very ill-disciplined troops who were reported to be ravaging the area. The units were equipped with 76.2mm infantry guns and twenty-four rocket projectors of 150mm caliber. Six of these projectors were mounted on Studebaker trucks.

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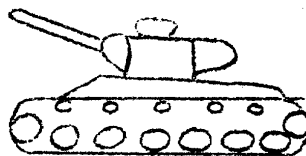
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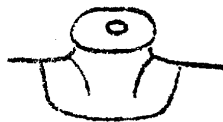
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9. Lossa (J-59): There were two rifle divisions stationed in August 1947 in camps in the area of Lossa-Hauteroda.
10. Jena (J-66): The artillery barracks at Jena-Zwätzen contain a tank brigade equipped with Josef Stalin 1's which have been there since August. 50X1-HUM
11. Doberitz (Z-64): On 15 July 1947 an extremely speedy tank, estimated to be doing thirty-five mph, was observed on Doberitz Training Area. 50X1-HUM  
it was not a T-34 or a Josef Stalin. The tracks were 26" wide; the turret was movable and mounted a gun estimated at 76.2mm 50X1-HUM caliber. The tank had six bogies and all joins were welded. Sketches as follows:

(a) Side view



(b) Front view



(c) View from above



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12. The morale of the Russian troops in Leipzig is reported to be deteriorating. Early in August 1947 a mutiny took place which resulted in all officers and men being confined to barracks.

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13. On three successive evenings the sound of shooting could be heard from the IVD barracks in Leipzig. No official or unofficial explanations for these shootings was forthcoming. In previous cases when similar shootings have taken place, the Russians have officially announced that deserters or soldiers guilty of crimes against the Germans were shot.

14. During the first fortnight in August 1947 rumors circulated in Leipzig to the effect that Russian officers there had mutinied because they were being transferred with their troops and separated from their families. A large number of Russian officers in Leipzig were indeed suddenly arrested during the second week in August and were taken eastwards. Russian wives of the arrested officers have all stated that they do not know what has happened to their husbands.

15. Magdeburg (V-60): The following streets in Magdeburg were evacuated of their residents early in August 1947: Jerichoerstrasse, Ragunerstrasse, Berlinerstrasse, Clemensstrasse, Schutzenhaus, Neustadter Eisenbahnstrasse, Hundlos-Siedlung.

16. Halberstadt (D-27): The arrival of 6,000 Russian troops was expected in Halberstadt early in August 1947.

17. Weimar (J-47): Dwellings have been requisitioned in the following suburbs of Weimar: Penziger Waldchen, Belvedere, and Ober-Weimar.

18. Zeitz (K08): Since 1 August 1947 the Friedrich Engels Bridge over the River Elster at Zeitz has been in use again.

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